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Welcome to the new era of Aggie football.

Thankfully, Texas A&M is finally home in its new conference, with its new head coach leading a new-look football program wearing new uniforms with a new pregame entrance and a new... well...you get the idea.

Oh, and there's that new quarterback. You may have heard someone compare him to Bucky Richardson or Doug Flutie or some other legendary quarterback. A high school coach once called him "Brett Favre on a motorcycle."

Fact is, Johnny Manziel is already a legend – a high school football legend, that is. As a senior at Tivy High School in Kerrville, Manziel was named the Texas AP Player of the Year after accumulating over 5,000 yards and 77 touchdowns. In his first varsity start as a sophomore, Manziel accounted for 380 yards of total offense and six of the Antlers' seven touchdowns in a 50-20 victory. Coaches and fans knew right away that they had something special on their hands.

I was fortunate enough to see Manziel play during his senior year against three-time defending state champion Lake Travis High School in Austin. He had a career-high 273 yards rushing in the game and nearly led his team to an improbable victory (they lost, 33-37). Like everyone else, I was blown away by his effortless playmaking ability.

Now, the redshirt freshman has taken command of the A&M offense and is showcasing the skillset that made him a high school football legend. His uncanny ability to make something out of nothing has left fans and teammates in awe.

In his debut against Florida, Manziel was often spectacular. Against SMU, he scored six touchdowns and set an A&M freshman record with 294 passing yards – without playing in the fourth quarter.

Some have called him "TV Johnny." Center Patrick Lewis called him a playmaker. Wide receiver Uzoma Nwachukwu called him "Captain Amazing."

No matter what you call him, it's clear that the Aggies are now playing "Johnny Football" and the legend of Johnny Manziel, the college quarterback, is just beginning.

Gig'em Ags!

Brian '01

snapshot





first impression

Freshman quarterback Johnny Manziel crosses the goal line after an 11-yard run to put A&M ahead of Florida, 10-7, early in the second quarter. While the Aggies were ultimately outscored, 20-17, Manziel was impressive and often spectacular in his first college game, generating a significant amount of buzz for the A&M program. Photo by Jason McConnell '01.

snapshot





in good hands

Freshman wide receiver Mike Evans hauls in the long pass from Johnny Manziel for a 30-yard gain in the second quarter against SMU. Continuing an incredible start to his first season of college football, Evans led the A&M receiving corps for the second consecutive week, making six catches for 123 yards. The Aggies defeated the Mustangs, 48-3, for their first win of the season. Photo by Jason McConnell '01.



snapshot



march of honor

Texas A&M head coach Kevin Sumlin leads the Aggie football team on the March of Honor before running on to Kyle Field for the South Carolina State game.

The new team entrance has generated a lot of energy around the stadium and is especially popular with players and recruits. Photo by Jason McConnell '01.





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FIVE GAMES TO CATCH

BY JEREMY KSIONDA '04

If you enjoy watching football as much as we do, don't miss out on the Friday night lights this fall featuring some talented future Aggies. Here are five high school games to catch if you can...

DALLAS SKYLINE VS DALLAS JESUIT

Sept. 28: Dallas Jesuit High School

Skyline: DL Kerrick Huggins (TAMU), DB Cedric Collins (TAMU)

Dallas Jesuit: OL JJ Gustafson (TAMU)

BISHOP DUNNE VS PRESTONWOOD CHRISTIAN

Oct. 5: Bishop Dunne High School

Bishop Dunne: OL Ishmael Wilson (TAMU)

Prestonwood Christian: LB Mike Mitchell, Ath Mickey Mitchell, WR Michael Irvin

CEDAR HILL VS MANSFIELD TIMBERVIEW

Oct. 26: Mansfield Timberview High School

Cedar Hill: WR Laquvionte Gonzales (TAMU),

WR Quincy Adeboyejo (TAMU)

MANVEL VS PEARLAND

Nov. 2: The Rig (Pearland)

Manvel: WR Kyrian Parker (TAMU), CB Tavares Garner (TAMU), WR Austin Bennett (OU)



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Nov. 9: Terry High School

Terry: WR Derrick Griffin (TAMU), S Victor Davis (TAMU) **AI**

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The first half of Texas A&M's inaugural season in the SEC couldn't have been scripted much better. Following an early season loss to San Diego, the Aggies rattled off nine consecutive victories, including four against their new conference foes. In the win over Auburn on Sept. 23, sophomore goalkeeper Jordan Day tied the SEC record for most consecutive shutouts by a goalkeeper (7). With a 10-1 record (4-0 in SEC), A&M is on top of the SEC West standings. It marks the first time the Aggies have started 4-0 in league action since the 2006 campaign.



FIVE QUESTIONS FOR COACH G

BY KYRSTEN GARCIA '11

ON THE TEAM'S DEPTH...

It's a smaller roster, but we have about sixteen starters on the team. It's a matter of who's playing well, who's healthy and who's going to be the most effective fit for us to win on any given day.

ON SOPHOMORE SENSATION KELLEY MONOGUE...

She's a special player. She's incredibly gifted and skilled at putting the ball in the back of the net which is the most coveted skill in our sport. She is special in how she plays and does a great job of making us very efficient in our attack.

ON THE TEAM CAPTAINS...

Our three captains have been outstanding. Senior Beth West has a lot of national, international and big game experience for us. Jayne Eadie also has a lot of international experience. She redshirted last year after transferring from Oregon State. She really bonded with the team last year and has great leadership skills. Rachel Lenz is also a great leader. She's a two-time all-conference player and is a great example of what we mean by hard work.

ON THE SEC...

It's a deeper league than the Big 12, but our goals don't change. Our goal is to win a national championship and pick up as much hardware as we can along the way.

ON REFLECTING BACK OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS OF AGGIE SOCCER...

It's been neat to see how far we've come. In our first year, we had to play our games at what is now A&M Consolidated Middle School on Old Tiger Field. Reed Arena and the current soccer and softball stadiums were just open fields. The program has come a long way and I've really enjoyed seeing it evolve to what it has become. **AI**




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(cross country) Senior All-American Henry Lelei was named the SEC men's Runner of the Week after opening his cross country season with a victory at the Rice Invitational. The No. 15 Aggies are the top rated SEC team among the national rankings. **(women's golf)** Junior Katerina Ruzickova has been named one of the Top 50 Female Players to Watch in the 2012-13 College Preview, released by Golf World. **(men's golf)** The No. 10 men's golf team is off to an impressive start, finishing second in their first two tournaments of the 2012-13 season.

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Texas A&M head coach Laurie Corbelli celebrated the 500th win of her 26-year head coaching career and her 400th victory in her 20th season at the helm of the Aggies in A&M's season-opening victory over Texas State. Corbelli's squad recorded A&M's first-ever SEC victory in any sport by defeating Ole Miss on Sept. 14. The Aggies have been one of the hottest teams in the country, building a nine-match winning streak before falling to Kentucky at home for their first conference loss.





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GAME DAY MEAL: SNOW'S BBQ

BY JASON MCCONNELL '01

We first heard about Snow's BBQ when our friend Matt Simon (@1MattSimon), the new director of digital media for Aggie Athletics, tweeted about waiting in a long line early on a Saturday morning to get some BBQ. A long line for BBQ on a Saturday morning? Obviously that peaked my interest and I immediately started searching for more information about this place.

Now, you should know that Brian and I love BBQ. A lot. Not in the "Let's have some BBQ for a quiet Saturday afternoon picnic" sort of way. It is more like the "I hope your hand does not come in between my beef and my mouth" sort of way.

We go out of our way to find the best BBQ. On the way to cover Aggie basketball in the 2010 NCAA regional in Chicago, we stopped in Memphis to try some authentic "Memphis-style" BBQ. While covering the Aggies' final visit to Allen Fieldhouse last season, we stopped at two legendary BBQ destinations in Kansas City – Arthur Bryant's and Oklahoma Joe's. At SEC Media Days in Alabama this summer, we stopped at not one, but two different BBQ joints to get a taste of the deep south. We have even managed to detour to the great BBQ stops in Lockhart while on the way to cover events in Austin.

It didn't take much research to find what we had been missing just down the road in Lexington, Texas. From the website (snowsbbq.com) you learn they are open just one day a week – only on Saturdays. The line starts early, typically before the doors open at 8 a.m. They stay open until they run out of food, usually well before noon. Their testimonials page is graced with stories of people driving up to six hours just to wait in line when they get there. And in 2008, Texas Monthly named Snow's BBQ the "Best in Texas." This is our kind of place.

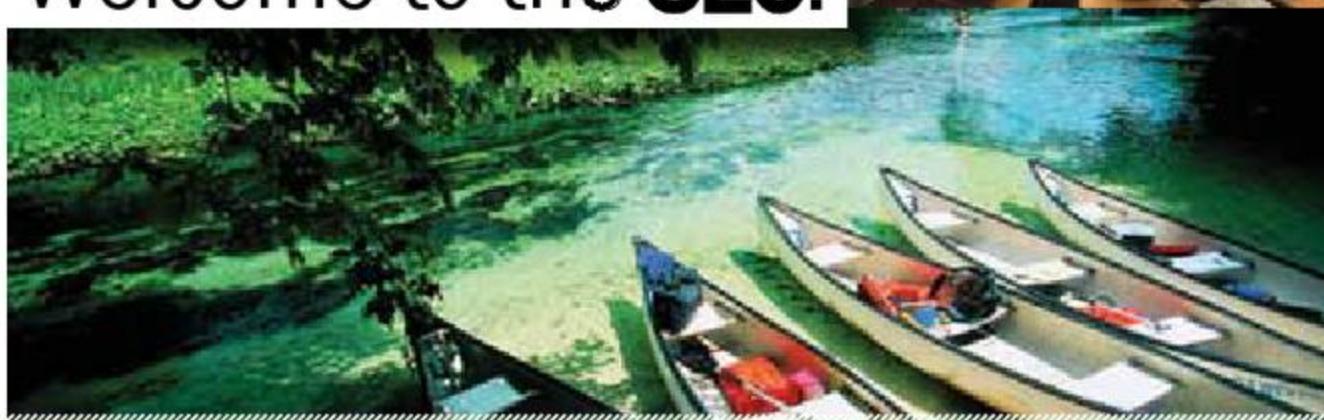
Pulling in around 8:15 a.m., we were fortunate to find a relatively short line. I can honestly say I have never had BBQ for breakfast, but there is a first time for everything, and we met the challenge with vigor. We each ordered a sliced brisket sandwich and sausage wrap for our meal, with a side of "always free" Texas ranch-style beans. The staff was friendly, and owner Kerry Bexley and pit-boss Ms. Tootsie Tomanetz answered all of the questions from our curious minds.

From the first bite, I was hooked. The smokey-and-slightly-salty taste left me craving more. So much more, in fact, that I had to get back in line to order another sandwich.

It is that good. And it is **definitely** worth the wait. **A1**



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▲ PHOTO OF THE GAME

Texas A&M freshman quarterback Johnny Manziel salutes the 12th Man after scoring his first touchdown in an Aggie uniform against Florida. While A&M's first game as a member of the SEC ended in a disappointing loss to the Gators, there were plenty of bright spots on the field. None were brighter than the sometimes spectacular play of Manziel in his first collegiate game. "Johnny Football" gashed the Florida defense in the first half, leaving a lasting impression on everyone who witnessed this star in the making's debut. **A1**

Editor's Note: View the full photo gallery at aggiemag.com/florida

[GAME 2: **AGS 48**, SMU MUSTANGS 3]



SMU vs. **AT&T**

▲ PHOTO OF THE GAME

Texas A&M defensive end Julien Obioha sacks SMU quarterback Garrett Gilbert, forcing a fumble by the former Longhorn signal-caller during the first quarter of the Aggies' 48-3 win over the Mustangs. It was the true freshman's only tackle in the game, but it helped set the tone for a dominating performance by an A&M defense that kept Coach June Jones' explosive offense out of the endzone for just the third game in his 14-year career (172 college games). **A1**



GAME DAY MEAL: **TUPINAMBA**

BY JASON MCCONNELL '01

Pulling into Tupinamba Mexican

Restaurant's parking lot – just minutes north of downtown Dallas – the first thoughts that come to mind are big and bold. The arching, lit entryway guides visitors to where the Dominguez family has been serving authentic Mexican dishes for more than 65 years.

Inside, we are greeted by signed pictures of Aggie legends R.C. Slocum and Shelby Metcalf, a huge glowing block A&M logo and signs on the restroom doors labeling them for "Aggies" or "Maggies." After a brief wait, former A&M basketball player and Tupinamba owner Eddie Dominguez '66 – noting our post-SMU game attire – welcomes us to sit back and relax. We quickly noticed that we weren't the only Aggies in the building.

Our first impressions were not limited to the atmosphere, as the tastes and flavors were just as big and bold as the entryway. From the "Shelby Metcalf Dip," the "R.C. Slocum Aggie Special" and the "12th Man Steak Special," there was something for everyone in our party. There was even a three-way chicken dish called the "t.u. Special" for our friends in Austin.

For starters, we couldn't miss out on the "Tupy Tacos," a deep fried beef taco served the same hot-and-fresh way since 1947. For our entrees, Brian and I each chose variations of the carnitas – slow cooked chunks of pork finished by quick frying – served with rice, beans, guacamole and pico de gallo. I ordered the "Pork Soto," which was the same carnitas covered with spicy chili ancho sauce and served with tortillas.

While waiting for the main course, everyone at the table had their fill of the amazing salsa and warm chips. It was so amazing, in fact, that we each bought orders of salsa to take back to our brides, Kim and Katie, in College Station.

Our meals did not disappoint. Around the table, everyone raved about their order. The "Suicide Nachos" and the "#8 Sour Cream Chicken Enchiladas" were big hits – and both are believed to have been introduced to the Dallas area by the Dominguez family back in 1947. But for Brian and I, the carnitas were king.

As a self-proclaimed Mexican food connoisseur, Tupinamba delivers big, bold flavors with every dish not found at other restaurants, and I highly recommend a visit. You can rest assured that Al's next road trip to Dallas will include another stop at this Aggie favorite. **AI**

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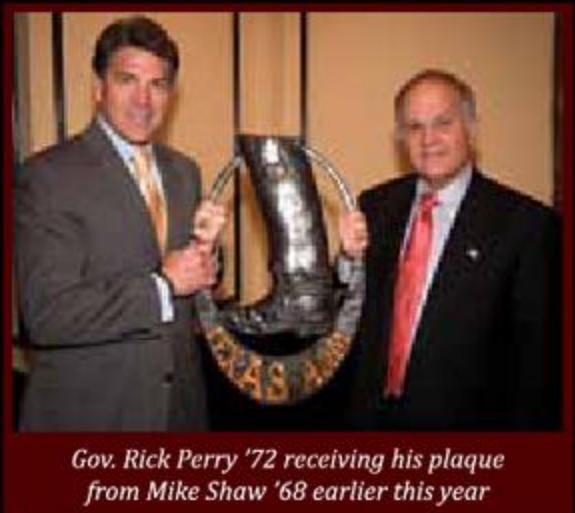
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Dustin Harris returns a South Carolina State punt for a scintillating 96-yard touchdown – the second-longest in school history. The senior from Livingston, Texas had a record-setting night in the win over the Bulldogs, shattering his own single game school record from last season (162) with 246 punt return yards. He also eclipsed the 64-year old SEC record for most return yards (203), earning Co-Special Teams Player of the Week honors. "I am going to remember this for the rest of my life," Harris said. **AT**

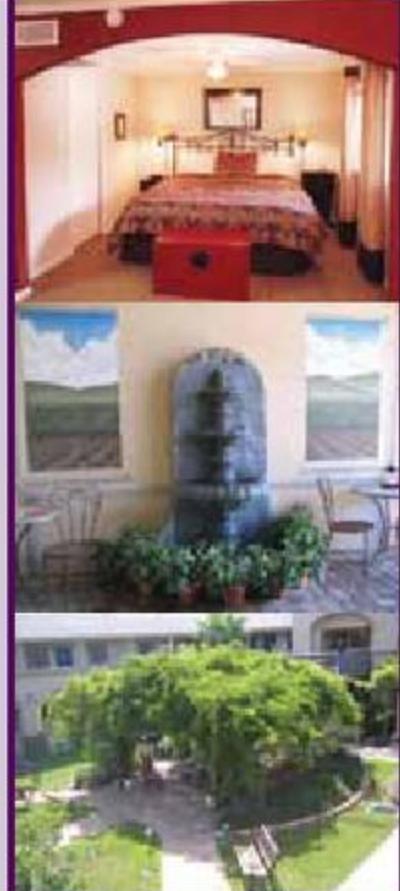


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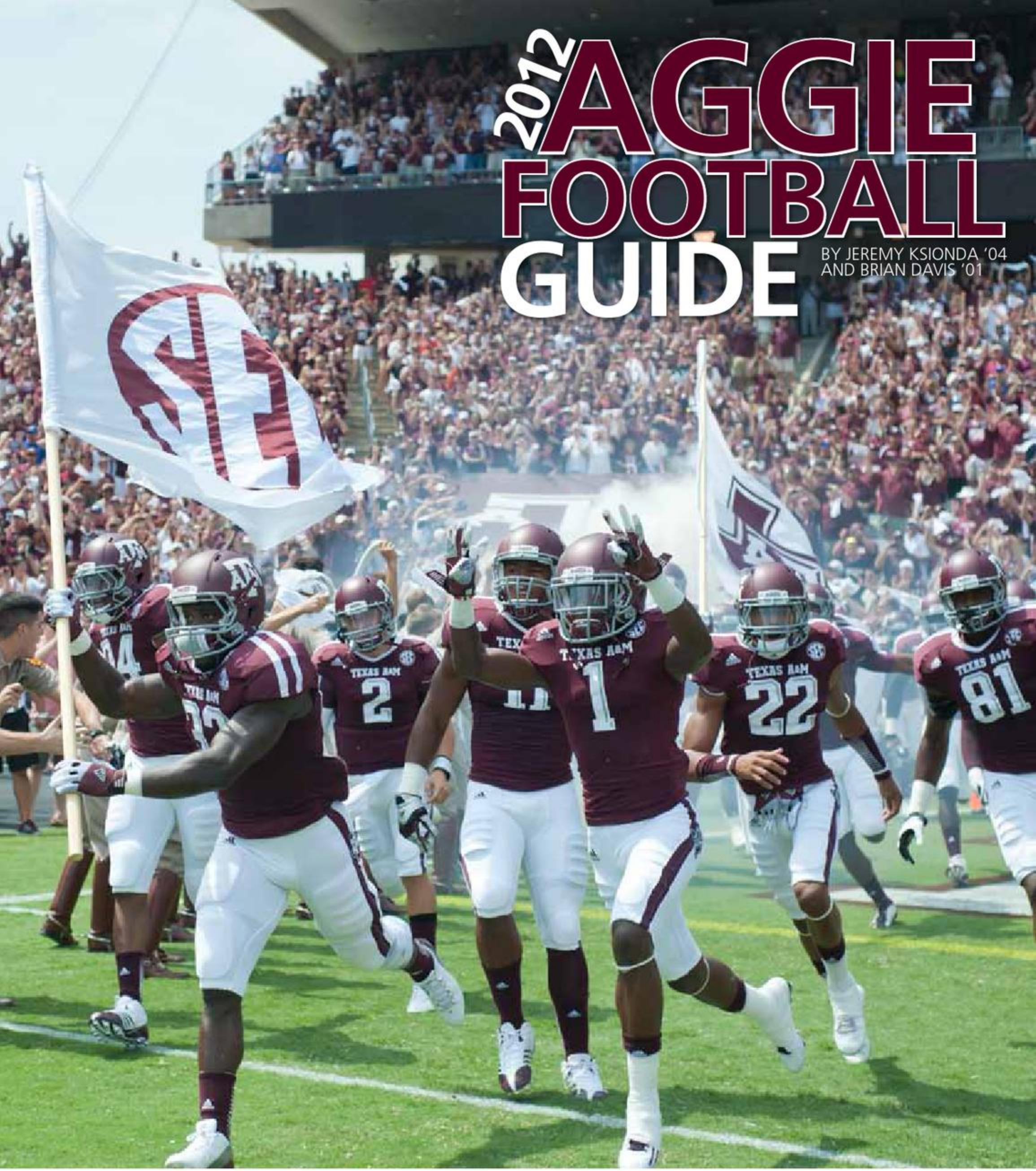
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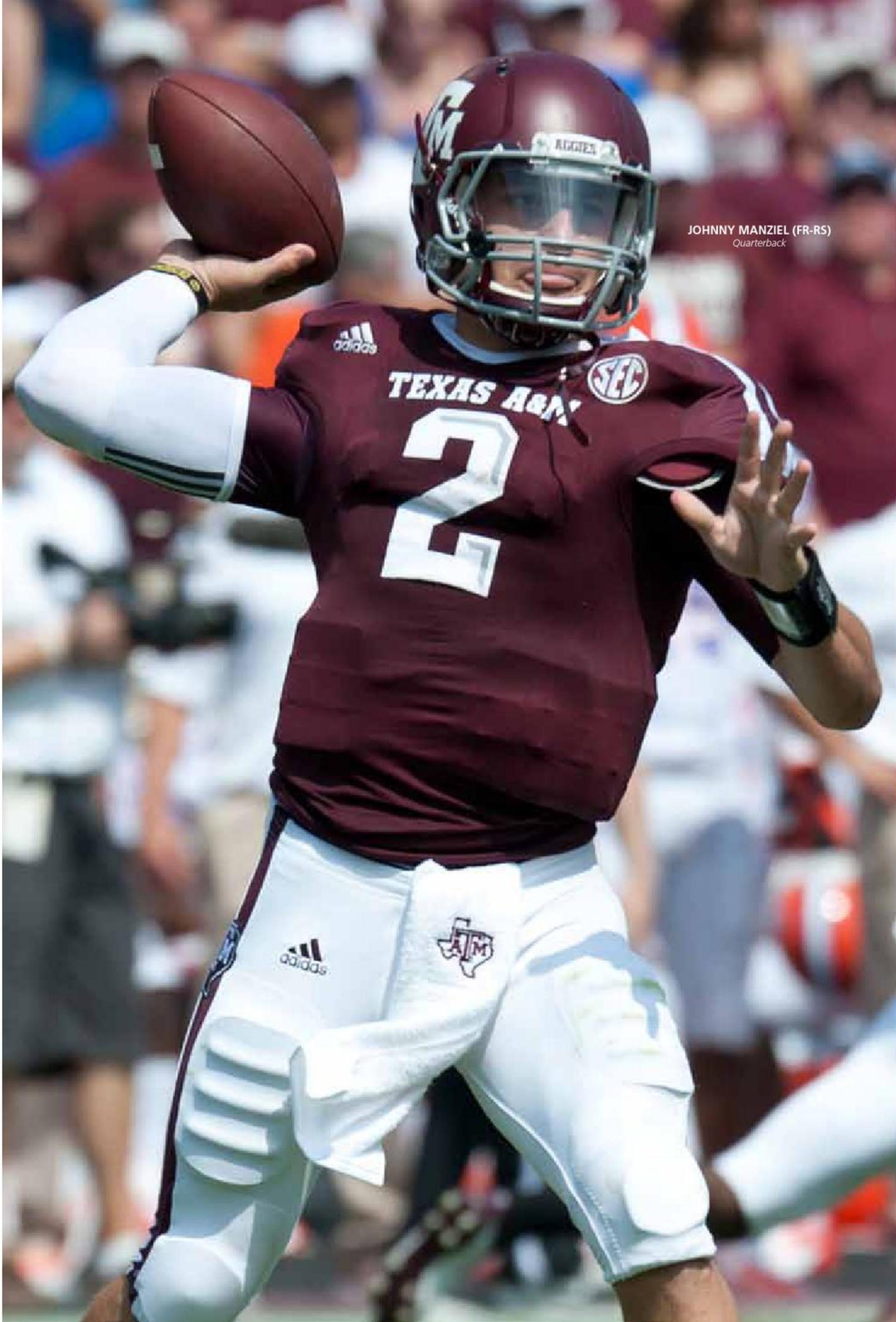
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0922 **S. CAROLINA ST.** (W, 70-14)
0929 **ARKANSAS**

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Quarterback

AWARD WATCH

While the schedule will get more challenging as the season progresses, first-year starter Johnny Manziel has an excellent shot at earning SEC All-Freshman and Freshman All-American honors.



JAMEILL SHOWERS (SO-1L)
Quarterback



MATT JOECKEL (SO-SQ)
Quarterback

OFFENSE [QUARTERBACK]

Johnny Manziel won a highly-competitive battle for the starting job during fall camp after making significant strides over the summer. While the talented redshirt freshman from Kerrville Tivy improved his passing abilities, it was the development in decision-making that earned him the highly-coveted starting quarterback job. As he has shown in the Aggies' first three games in 2012, "Johnny Football" has a rare knack for making plays that should be fun to watch for years to come. Leading up to the season, sophomore backups **Jameill Showers** and **Matt Joeckel** both showed that they are more than capable of running Kliff Kingsbury's offense should their number be called. Showers clearly has the strongest arm in the stable and Joeckel has steadily improved since last spring. True freshman **Matt Davis** will redshirt this season as he makes the adjustment from high school to college football.

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CHRISTINE MICHAEL (SR-3L)
Running Back

[RUNNING BACK]

While depth at the position is a concern, senior **Christine Michael** headlines a solid stable of Aggie running backs. The veteran from Beaumont has had a difficult start to his final campaign in Aggieland as he looks to establish his role in Kliff Kingsbury's offense and increase his draft stock along the way. Sophomore **Ben Malena** continues to prove his worth every time he touches the football. Perhaps the most complete back on the A&M roster, Malena simply does all the little things well, and has already displayed a surprisingly aggressive style of running in

the new system. True freshman **Trey Williams** might be the most electrifying player on the Aggie squad, and will continue to be targeted with screens and short passes in the flats as the coaches attempt to get the ball in his hands in the open field. **Brandon Williams**, a five-star talent that transferred from Oklahoma last December, wasn't granted his waiver from the NCAA for immediate eligibility and will be forced to sit out this season. Fortunately, Williams never redshirted at Oklahoma, so he'll still have three years of eligibility at A&M.

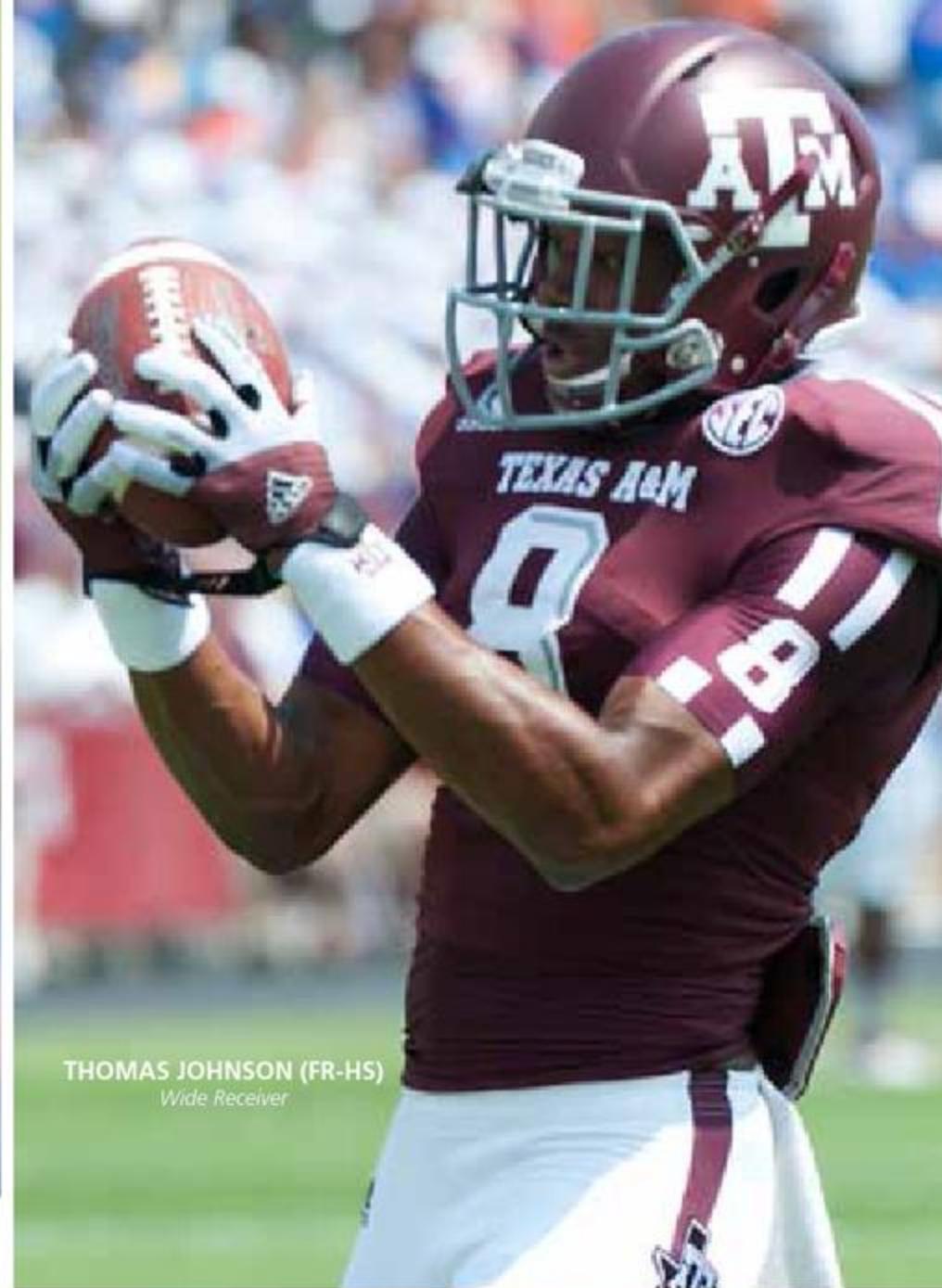


AWARD WATCH

Christine Michael began the season on two national award watch lists – the Doak Walker Award (Best Running Back) and the Maxwell Award (Most Outstanding Player). If he can overcome the rocky start to his senior campaign, Michael can be a candidate for All-SEC recognition. Trey Williams could work his way on to the SEC All-Freshman team as he continues to adjust to the college game.



UZOMA NWACHUKWU (SR-3L)
Wide Receiver



THOMAS JOHNSON (FR-HS)
Wide Receiver



MIKE EVANS (FR-RS)
Wide Receiver



MICHAEL LAMOTHE (SR-3L)
Tight End

[WIDE RECEIVER & TIGHT END]

The Aggie receiving corps is comprised of a mix of seasoned veterans and talented but inexperienced freshmen. Record-setting wideout **Ryan Swope** returned for his senior campaign after flirting with an early entry to the NFL Draft, and is in range of most of the A&M career receiving records. Two other seniors, **Uzoma Nwachukwu** and **Kenric McNeal**, have done their best to hold off the youngsters by continuing to make plays. Nwachukwu has been a touchdown machine in the earlygoing, while McNeal and talented true freshman **Thomas Johnson** have been splitting time on the field. Although just a redshirt freshman, **Mike Evans** is one of, if not the most physically



RYAN SWOPE (SR-3L)
Wide Receiver

imposing and talented wideout on the Aggie roster. Even with high billing and much anticipation, Evans appears to be better than advertised. Another true freshman, **Sabian Holmes**, has shown that he is too talented to keep off the field, and sophomore **Malcome Kennedy** continues to work his way into the rotation. At tight end, senior **Michael Lamothe** and junior **Nehemiah Hicks** will likely continue to split time on the field this fall as they determine their role in Kliff Kingsbury's offense. Hicks is a matchup nightmare for opposing defenses, while Lamothe is as disciplined as any player on the roster and excels in run blocking.

AWARD WATCH

Ryan Swope garnered preseason All-SEC recognition this summer and he was joined by fellow senior Uzoma Nwachukwu on the Biletnikoff Award (Best Receiver) watch list. Swope is off to a slow start, but clearly has the ability to grab postseason honors as well. If newcomer Mike Evans continues at his current pace, he will at least earn a spot on the SEC All-Freshman team, if not more.



PATRICK LEWIS (SR-3L)
center

【 OFFENSIVE LINE 】

One of the most prolific offensive lines in all of college football resides in College Station. Experience, talent and athleticism define a unit that features only one senior. In his final season in Aggieland, **Patrick Lewis** is the anchor of the line at center. To his left and right, a pair of sophomores, **Cedric Ogbuehi** and **Jarvis Harrison**, round out the interior line. Ogbuehi is arguably the most versatile offensive lineman on the Aggie roster, and Harrison's best days of football are still ahead of him. A pair of All-American candidates reside at offensive tackle, as juniors **Jake Matthews** and **Luke Joeckel** have become household

AWARD WATCH

An All-American and All-SEC candidate, Luke Joeckel began the season on national watch lists for the Outland Award (Best Interior Lineman) and the Rotary Lombardi Award (Best Lineman or Linebacker). In addition, Joeckel was one of three SEC offensive linemen on Sports Illustrated's 2012 Pre-season All-America team. Fellow all-everything candidate Jake Matthews made the Outland Award watch list as well. In the middle, Patrick Lewis was named to the Rimington Trophy (Most Outstanding Center) watch list.

names across the state of Texas and throughout SEC country. Unfortunately, after the starting unit, there isn't much experience along the offensive line. Junior **Shep Klinke** has the most snaps under his belt, but after that there's a significant drop off in game reps. Sophomore **Ben Compton** and redshirt freshman **Joseph Cheek** have spent one year on campus, while true freshmen **Mike Matthews** and **Germain Ifedi** round out the two-deep. Early returns on Ifedi have been promising, while Matthews is the latest son of NFL Hall of Famer Bruce Matthews to join the A&M program.



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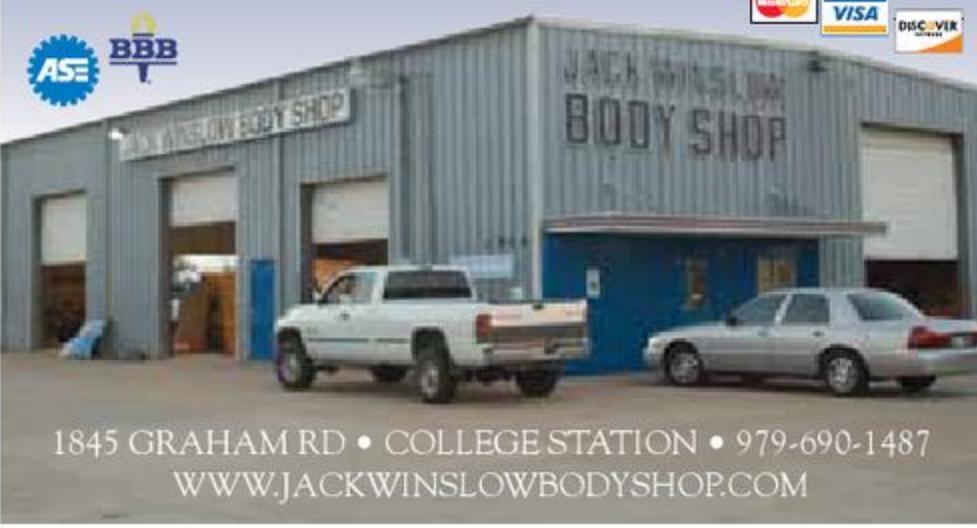
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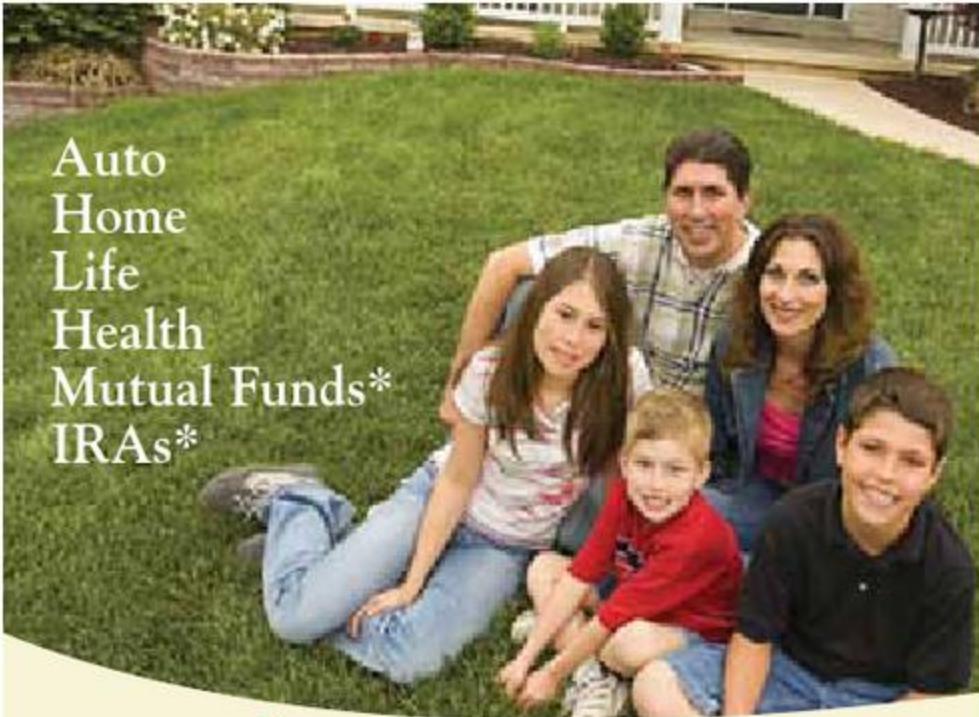
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TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL [2012 ROSTER]

NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	EXP	HOMETOWN (SCHOOL)
1 DeVante Harris	DB	5-10	175	Fr.	HS	Mesquite, Texas (Horn)
1 Ben Malena	RB	5-8	195	Jr.	2L	Cedar Hill, Texas (Cedar Hill)
2 Steven Campbell	DB	6-0	201	Sr.	3L	Houston, Texas (Jersey Village)
2 Johnny Manziel	QB	6-1	200	Fr.	RS	Kerrville, Texas (Tivy)
3 Jamell Showers	QB	6-2	219	So.	1L	Killeen, Texas (Shoemaker)
4 Toney Hurd Jr.	DB	5-9	180	Jr.	2L	Missouri City, Texas (Fort Bend Marshall)
5 Kenric McNeal	WR	6-1	184	Sr.	3L	Spring, Texas (Spring)
6 Matt Davis	QB	6-2	206	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas (Klein Forest)
6 Desmond Gardiner	DB	5-10	193	Jr.	2L	Port Arthur, Texas (Memorial)
7 Tramain Jacobs	DB	6-1	190	Jr.	TR	Covington, La. (Mississippi Gulf Coast CC)
7 Uzoma Nwachukwu	WR	6-0	194	Sr.	3L	Allen, Texas (Allen)
8 Thomas Johnson	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	HS	Dallas, Texas (Skyline)
9 Nate Askew	WR	6-4	220	Jr.	2L	San Antonio, Texas (Madison)
10 Sean Porter	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	3L	Schertz, Texas (Clemens)
10 LeKendrick Williams	WR	5-8	170	So.	SQ	Sharpstown, Texas (Sharpstown)
11 Jonathan Stewart	LB	6-4	244	Sr.	3L	Shreveport, La. (Byrd)
11 Derel Walker	WR	6-2	185	Jr.	TR	Hillsboro, Texas (Trinity Valley CC)
13 Mike Evans	WR	6-5	218	Fr.	RS	Galveston, Texas (Ball)
14 Conner McQueen	QB	5-10	175	Fr.	HS	Klein, Texas (Klein Oak)
14 Floyd Raven Sr.	DB	6-2	190	So.	1L	Kenner, La. (East St. John)
15 Travis Labhart	WR	5-9	182	Jr.	1L	Dallas, Texas (Whitesboro)
15 Kenneth Marshall	DB	6-0	191	Fr.	HS	South Houston, Texas (South Houston)
16 Matt Joeckel	QB	6-4	234	So.	SQ	Arlington, Texas (Arlington)
17 Joshua Stump	QB	5-10	185	Fr.	HS	Beaumont, Texas (West Brook)
18 Edward Pope	WR	6-4	170	Fr.	HS	Carthage, Texas (Carthage)
19 Matt Fritsche	DB	6-3	171	Fr.	RS	Bryan, Texas (Rudder)
19 Michael Lamothe	TE	6-3	235	Sr.	3L	New Iberia, La. (New Iberia)
20 C.J. Jones	DB	6-1	190	Sr.	2L	Houston, Texas (Klein Forest)
20 Trey Williams	RB	5-8	185	Fr.	HS	Spring, Texas (Dekaney)
21 Tra Carson	RB	6-0	227	So.	TR	Texarkana, Texas (Oregon) (Liberty Elyau)
21 Steven Terrell	DB	5-10	193	Sr.	3L	Allen, Texas (Allen)
22 Dustin Harris	DB	6-0	175	Sr.	3L	Livingston, Texas (Livingston)
23 Sabian Holmes	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	HS	Southlake, Texas (Carroll)
23 Domonique Patterson	LB	6-0	218	Jr.	1L	Dallas, Texas (Skyline)
24 Taylor Bertolet	PLK	5-9	174	Fr.	RS	Reading, PA (Exeter Township)
25 Clay Honeycutt	DB	6-2	197	So.	1L	Dickinson, Texas (Dickinson)
25 Ryan Swope	WR	6-0	206	Sr.	3L	Austin, Texas (Westlake)
26 Devonta Burns	DB	6-0	201	Fr.	RS	Arlington, Texas (Martin)
26 Sam Giamfortone	RB	6-1	222	So.	TR	Friendswood, Texas (Incarnate Word)
27 Brice Dolezal	RB/MR	5-9	170	Fr.	HS	Austin, Texas (Westlake)
27 Michael Osadabey	LB	6-1	215	Sr.	SQ	Grapevine, Texas (SE Oklahoma)
28 Brandon Williams	RB	6-0	192	So.	TR	Brookshire, Texas (Oklahoma) (Royal)
29 D'Cardio Cottonham	RB	5-9	185	Fr.	HS	Dallas, Texas (Carter)
29 Deshazor Everett	DB	6-0	181	So.	1L	DeRidder, La. (DeRidder)
30 Jophntel Franklin	DB	6-2	200	Jr.	RS	Milwaukee, Wis. (Victory Valley) (Calif.) CC
31 Howard Matthews	DB	6-2	206	So.	1L	League City, Texas (Clear Springs)
31 Seth Wicks	PLK	5-10	165	Fr.	HS	Keller, Texas (Keller)
32 Rylan Riney	DB	5-11	175	Fr.	RS	Aledo, Texas (Aledo)
33 Christine Michael	RB	5-11	220	Sr.	3L	Beaumont, Texas (West Brook)
33 Michael Richardson	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	HS	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)
34 Jordan Richmond	LB	6-3	225	Fr.	HS	Denton, Texas (Ryan)
35 Tyrell Taylor	LB	6-4	212	So.	1L	Houston, Texas (Galena Park)
35 Matt Wilkins	WR	5-9	185	So.	SQ	College Station, Texas (A&M Consolidated)
36 Donnie Baggs	LB	6-1	230	So.	1L	League City, Texas (Clear Springs)
36 Davis Plowman	PLK	5-10	185	Fr.	HS	Roswell, Ga. (Blessed Trinity)

NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	EXP	HOMETOWN (SCHOOL)
37 Garrett Graham	RB	5-10	197	So.	SQ	Mansfield, Texas (Mansfield)
38 Drew Kaser	P	6-3	220	So.	SQ	Strongsville, Ohio (Walsh Jesuit)
39 Marvin Taylor	DB	5-11	187	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas (Lamar)
40 Seth Hiddink	PLK	6-4	200	Fr.	HS	Wylie, Texas (Wylie)
40 Shaun Ward	LB	6-2	244	So.	1L	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Boyd Anderson)
41 Brandon Alexander	DL	6-6	245	So.	1L	Brenham, Texas (Brenham)
42 Kirby Ennis	DL	6-4	300	Jr.	2L	Huntsville, Texas (Huntsville)
43 Justin Bass	LB	6-2	217	So.	SQ	Plano, Texas (West)
44 Sam Moeller	DB	5-11	186	Fr.	RS	San Antonio, Texas (Antonian Prep)
45 Steven Jenkins	LB	6-2	220	Jr.	1L	Pensacola, Fla. (Coffeyville CC)
46 Jake Russell	LB	6-2	229	Jr.	SQ	Sulphur Springs, Texas (Sulphur Springs)
47 Caleb Russell	DL	6-2	248	Sr.	2L	Midlothian, Texas (Midlothian)
48 Ryan Epperson	P	6-2	195	Sr.	3L	Keller, Texas (Keller)
49 Taylor Martinez	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	HS	Fort Bend, Texas (Travis)
50 Justin Ortega	OL	5-10	235	So.	1L	San Antonio, Texas (Reagan)
50 Tyrone Taylor	DE	6-3	210	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas (Galena Park)
51 Jarvis Harrison	OL	6-4	320	So.	1L	Navasota, Texas (Navasota)
53 Caden Smith	OL	6-3	259	Fr.	RS	Roscoe, Texas (Roscoe)
55 Alonso Williams	DL	6-4	248	Fr.	HS	Long Beach, Calif. (Polytechnic)
56 Mike Matthews	OL	6-3	260	Fr.	HS	Missouri City, Texas (Elkins)
57 Dylan Guthrie	OL	6-3	269	So.	SQ	Houston, Texas (Memorial)
57 Alvin Munrose	LB	6-1	195	Fr.	HS	Baytown, Texas (Goose Creek Memorial)
58 Cody Johnson	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	RS	Anahuac, Texas (Anahuac)
59 Allen Woodum	OL	6-3	292	Sr.	SQ	Conroe, Texas (Conroe)
60 Nathan Gutekunst	OL	6-6	308	Fr.	RS	Humble, Texas (Atascocita)
61 Patrick Lewis	OL	6-2	312	Sr.	3L	Reserve, La. (East St. John)
62 Nick Brown	DS	6-4	215	Fr.	HS	Cumming, Ga. (West Forsyth)
64 Jonathan Puffer	DS	6-3	226	So.	SQ	Katy, Texas (Taylor)
65 John-Albert Arechiga	OL	6-2	300	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas (Jersey Village)
67 Tyler Godwin	DL	6-3	280	Fr.	HS	Clear Springs, Texas (Clear Springs)
68 Ben Compton	OL	6-4	307	So.	1L	Friendswood, Texas (Friendswood)
70 Cedric Ogbuehi	OL	6-5	295	So.	1L	Allen, Texas (Allen)
71 Kimo Tipoti	OL	6-3	320	Fr.	HS	Hurst, Texas (L.D. Bell)
72 Gavin Stansbury	DL	6-4	270	So.	1L	Franklin, La. (Franklin)
73 Rhontae Scales	DL	6-6	300	Jr.	2L	Killeen, Texas (Killeen)
74 German Ifedi	OL	6-5	338	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas (Westside)
75 Jake Matthews	OL	6-5	305	Jr.	2L	Missouri City, Texas (Elkins)
76 Luke Joeckel	OL	6-6	310	Jr.	2L	Arlington, Texas (Arlington)
77 Shep Klinke	OL	6-7	305	Jr.	2L	Katy, Texas (Katy)
78 Garrett Gramling	OL	6-6	309	So.	SQ	Seguin, Texas (Seguin)
79 Joseph Cheek	OL	6-7	300	Fr.	RS	Denton, Texas (Ryan)
81 Nehemiah Hicks	TE	6-4	243	Jr.	2L	Hutto, Texas (Hutto)
82 Boone Niederhofer	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	HS	San Antonio, Texas (Churchill)
83 Colton Beardmore	WR	5-9	170	Fr.	RS	Cypress, Texas (Cy Woods)
84 Malcolm Kennedy	WR	6-0	200	So.	1L	Cayuga, Texas (Cayuga)
85 Kyle Aubuchon	WR	5-10	190	So.	TR	Hebron, Texas (Blinn JC) (Hebron)
86 Caleb Little	TE	6-3	235	So.	RS	Salado, Texas (Mary Hardin-Baylor) (Salado)
88 Gaston Lamascus	WR	5-6	182	Jr.	SQ	Navasota, Texas (Navasota)
89 Ivan Robinson	DL	6-3	270	So.	1L	Longville, La. (South Beauregard)
90 Rolo Manukainiu	DL	6-5	255	Fr.	HS	Euless, Texas (Trinity)
92 Jonathan Mathis	DL	6-2	300	Sr.	1L	Houston, Texas (Blinn JC) (Westfield)
94 Damontre Moore	DL	6-4	250	Jr.	2L	Rowlett, Texas (Rowlett)
95 Julien Obioha	DL	6-4	255	Fr.	HS	New Orleans, La. (Brother Martin)
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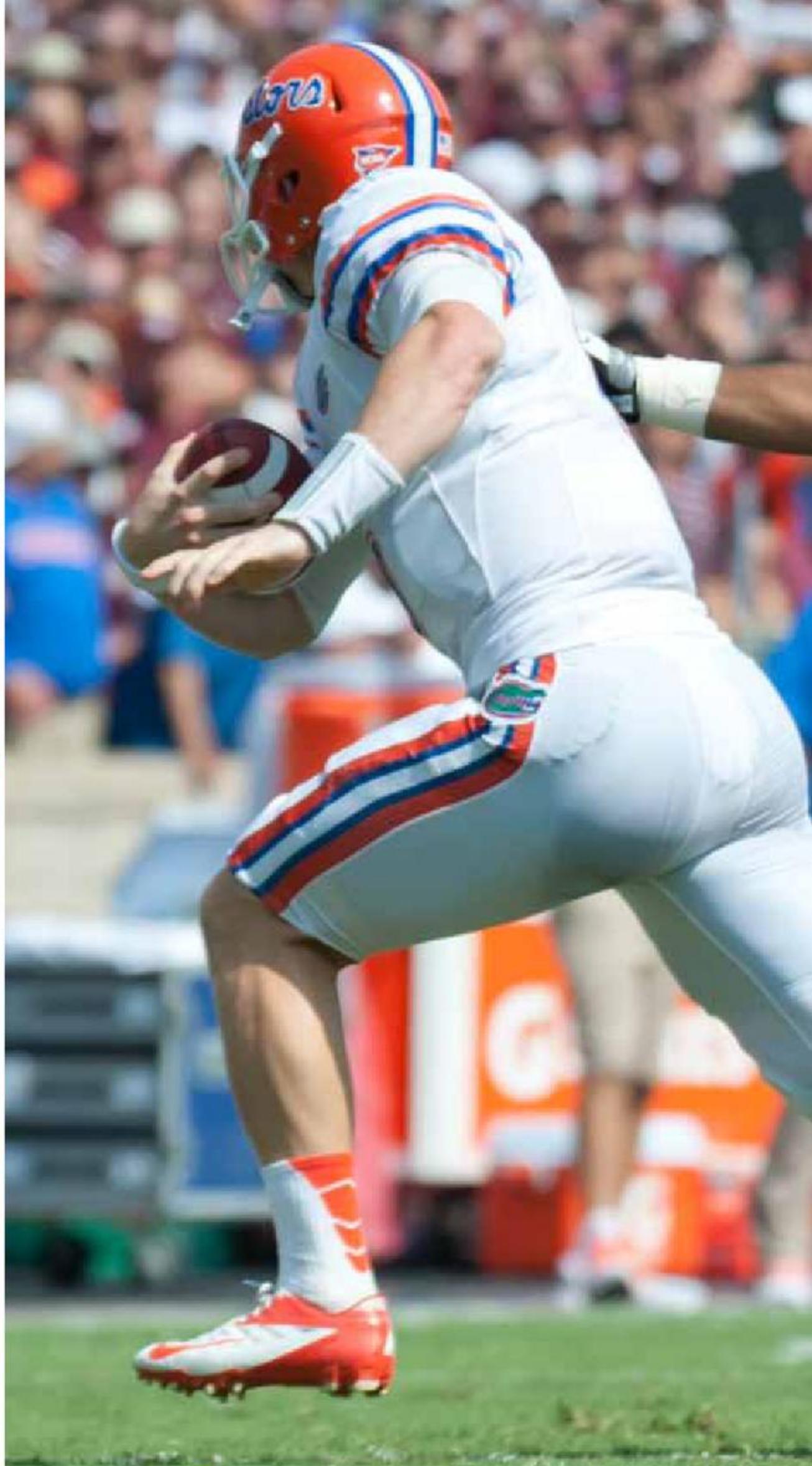
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DEFENSE [DEFENSIVE LINE]

It's funny, had we written about the Aggie defensive line prior to the season opener, we probably would have joined in on the "this unit will be the team's weakness" line of prognostication. Man, what a difference a few games can make. On the inside, **Kirby Ennis**, a junior from Huntsville, and **Spencer Nealy**, a senior from San Antonio, have been incredibly active. Ennis

is a load in the middle, and Nealy's non-stop motor and contagiously competitive attitude have been a tremendous boost for the rest of the unit. At defensive end, junior **Damontre Moore** has been phenomenal in the early part of the season, and will demand respect as one of the SEC's most feared pass rushers. Complimenting Moore at the other defensive end spot



DAMONTRE MOORE (JR-2L)
Defensive End

is **Julien Obioha**, a true freshman from Louisiana. A virtual unknown prior to his arrival, Obioha has been the biggest, and most pleasant surprise from his class thus far. Senior **Jonathan Mathis** and sophomore **Ivan Robinson** back up Ennis and Nealy along the interior line, while sophomores **Gavin Stansbury** and **Tyrell Taylor** are the backup ends.

AWARD WATCH

Showing his versatility, Damontre Moore began the season on national watch lists for two different positions – the Butkus Award (Best Linebacker) and the Ted Hendricks Award (Defensive End). In a conference dominated by great defensive players, Moore has All-SEC potential, while fellow defensive end Julien Obioha is a candidate for SEC All-Freshman team honors.



JONATHAN STEWART (SR-3L)
Middle Linebacker



STEVEN JENKINS (JR-1L)
Outside Linebacker



SEAN PORTER (SR-3L)
Outside Linebacker

【 LINEBACKER 】

Three experienced veterans headline the Aggie linebacking corps. In the middle, Louisiana native **Jonathan Stewart** plays the “quarterback” role for the A&M defense. It’s Stewart’s job to make sure everyone is in position and knows their assignment, and so far he’s done an excellent job of getting everyone in the right spot while also leading the team in tackles. A pair of speedy and dependable upperclassmen in **Steven Jenkins** and **Sean Porter** flank Stewart’s left and right. Porter, a preseason All-SEC pick, has transitioned from the 3-4 to 4-3 nicely, and Jenkins might be the Aggies’ best defender in space. Behind the starters, there’s youth and inexperience. Sophomore **Donnie Baggs** is essentially the backup for all three starters, and a pair of first year players in **Michael Richardson** and **Justin Bass** round out the two-deep.

AWARD WATCH

Sean Porter entered his senior campaign on just about every award watch list that he was eligible for: Bednarik Award (Top Defensive Player), Nagurski Trophy (Best Defensive Player), Butkus Award (Best Linebacker) and Rotary Lombardi Award (Best Lineman or Linebacker).



FLOYD RAVEN (SO-1L)
Cornerback



TONEY HURD (JR-2L)
Safety



DUSTIN HARRIS (SR-3L)
Cornerback



TREMAINE "OTIS" JACOBS (JR-TR)
Cornerback

[DEFENSIVE BACK]

AWARD WATCH

As a starter on the A&M defense from day one, true freshman cornerback De'Vante Harris has a chance to earn SEC All-Freshman honors at season's end.

Trying to piece together the A&M secondary is like trying to put together a puzzle without using the picture on the cover as a guide. At cornerback, true freshman **De'Vante Harris** won the starting job on one side during fall camp never looked back. An Aggie legacy with tremendous speed and natural coverage abilities, Harris looks to have locked up a starting position for a long time. At safety, senior **Steven Terrell** has managed to hold off competitors and shored up a starting role. Prior to an early suspension, fellow senior **Steven Campbell** garnered a starting nod, but after off the field issues forced Campbell out, cornerback **Deshazor Everett** took over at safety. Moving Everett, who started at the other cornerback position in the season opener, allowed senior **Dustin Harris** and junior JUCO transfer **Tremaine Jacobs** to battle for his spot, with Harris taking the job. Junior **Toney Hurd, Jr.** and sophomore **Floyd Raven, Sr.** are among the first off the bench in the secondary. Hurd has been very active when defensive coordinator Mark Snyder calls for an extra defensive back on the field.



STEVEN TERRELL (SR-3L)
Safety



STEVEN CAMPBELL
(SR-3L)
Safety



DESHAZOR
EVERETT (SO-1L)
Safety/Cornerback



DE'VANTE HARRIS
(FR-HS)
Cornerback



TAYLOR BERTOLET (FR-RS)
Kicker

AWARD WATCH

Senior Dustin Harris began the season on the Paul Hornung Award (Most Versatile Player) watch list and is a candidate for All-SEC honors as a punt returner.



RYAN EPPERSON (SR-3L)
Punter

SPECIAL TEAMS

With question marks at kicker, punter and deep snapper, special teams were a big concern for the A&M coaching staff going into the season. At punter, senior **Ryan Epperson** beat out sophomore **Drew Kaser** for the starting job for the second year in a row, and he is off to a great start in 2012. Entering his redshirt freshman season, kicker **Taylor Bertolet** had the difficult task of stepping into some pretty big shoes left by 2011 Groza Award winner Randy Bullock. The Pennsylvania native has not been tested much on field goals so far this season, however he has done well on kickoffs and extra points. During fall camp, the coaches were desperately searching for someone they could trust at deep snapper. Then, junior right tackle **Jake Matthews** stepped up and showed that he was more than capable of adding to his responsibilities on the field. There's a new face at kick returner as the Aggies hope to capitalize on true freshman running back **Trey Williams'** dynamic athletic ability. His opportunities have been limited thus far, but the game-changing skills are certainly there. Speaking of game-changers, defending NCAA punt return statistical champion **Dustin Harris** has proven that he can be a real asset on special teams. The record-setting Harris led the NCAA in 2011 with an 18.6 punt return average and has already made his presence felt this season. **AI**



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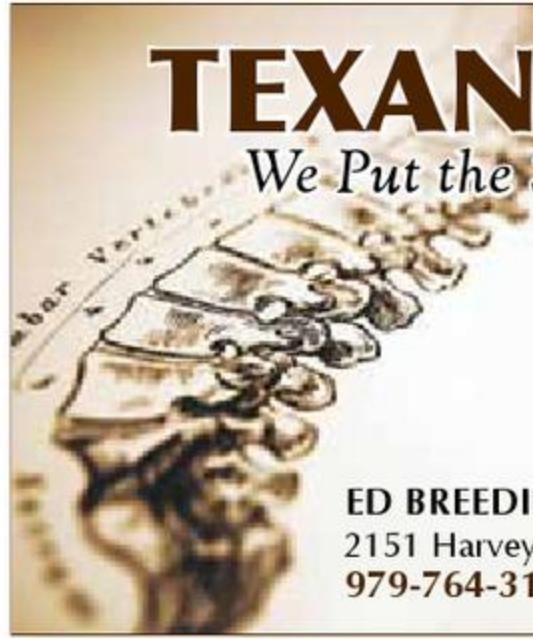
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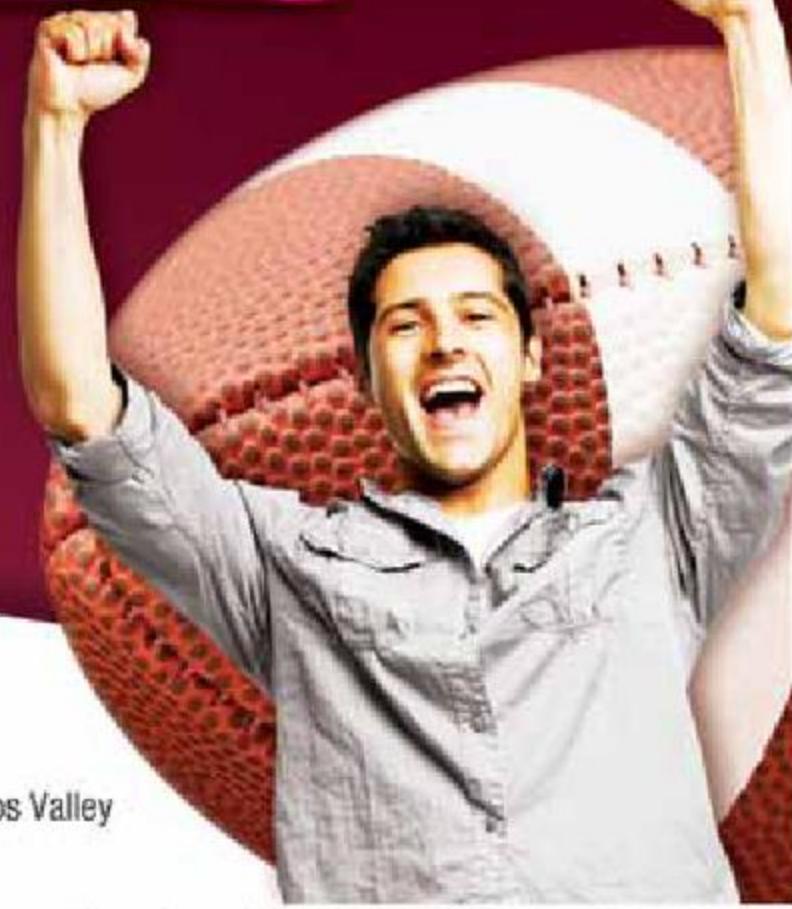
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THE RIVALRY CONTINUES...

BY BRIAN DAVIS '01

If you thought Texas A&M's move to the SEC meant the end of the rivalry with the University of Texas, think again.

While the Aggies and Longhorns may not face each other in NCAA competition for the foreseeable future, the archrivals will continue their battles among the 34 Sport Clubs on campus during the 2012-13 school year. From archery, baseball and bowling to water polo, water ski and wrestling – and everything in between – there are some serious competitions that regularly have conference and national championship implications.

Sport Clubs at A&M date as far back as the early 1900s, with the Aggie Fencing Club first appearing in 1905. In 1974, the clubs became an association under the Department of Recreational Sports.

Today, the Texas A&M Sport Clubs Association provides more than 1,000 current students the ability to compete against other college athletes across the country in 34 different sports. And with the support of Sport Clubs Director Keith Joseph and his staff, the students are also responsible for all aspects of operating and managing the organizations.

"The student officers are in charge of many aspects of their club operations," Joseph said. "We give them guidance and make sure they are following the policies and procedures of the university, the Sport Clubs program and the Department of Rec Sports. They hire the coaches, run practices and set up their schedules. We're here to support them, but it gives students the opportunity to run their own teams."

The students not only have the opportunity to compete athletically, they are also learning administrative skills, leadership skills and transferable skills such as conflict resolution.

"Some officers don't realize that the leadership opportunities they have are actually preparing them for the real world," he said.

Joseph has even heard from previous club presidents about their real world job interviews focusing on the experiences they had when operating and managing their organizations.

The students learn fundraising skills as well, as each club is responsible for helping pay for their travel. Collectively, the clubs have brought in close to \$700,000 in each of the last few years. Last year alone, the Aggies went on 300 trips to destinations all over the country.

Each club is extremely competitive, and for many of the sports, the club level is as high as it gets in the country. In several sports, the A&M clubs compete against NCAA sponsored programs at other universities – and often beat them.

"Many of our athletes could have played at the NCAA level at other schools, but wanted to be at A&M more," Joseph said.

The Archery Club is a prime example of the caliber of athletes who compete for A&M Sport Clubs. Two women from the program competed for the USA Archery team in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

Many of the clubs have recreational sides as well, where students can join to learn how to play the sport. There's also the side that is there to compete for championships, and the Aggies compete for – and win – a lot of them.

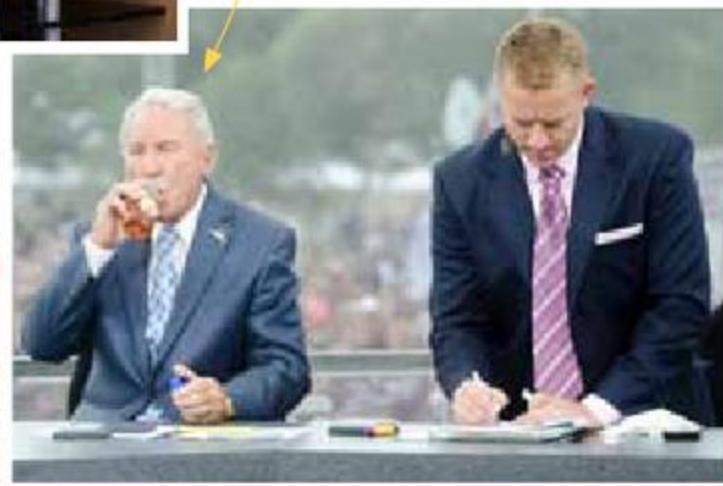
In fact, since the association was formed, the clubs have combined to win over 150 national championships and 250 regional or conference championships. During 2011-12, the clubs brought home 14 national titles. The Aggies claimed 16 titles the previous year. Suffice it to say, if there was a Sears Director's Cup for Sport Clubs, Texas A&M would be a contender for the top spot every year.

With the highly anticipated move up to the SEC for A&M's NCAA sports, and the elite Sport Clubs on campus still competing against the Longhorns and other traditional rivals, Aggie fans get the best of both worlds. Indeed, the rivalry lives on this fall. Don't miss it. **A1**



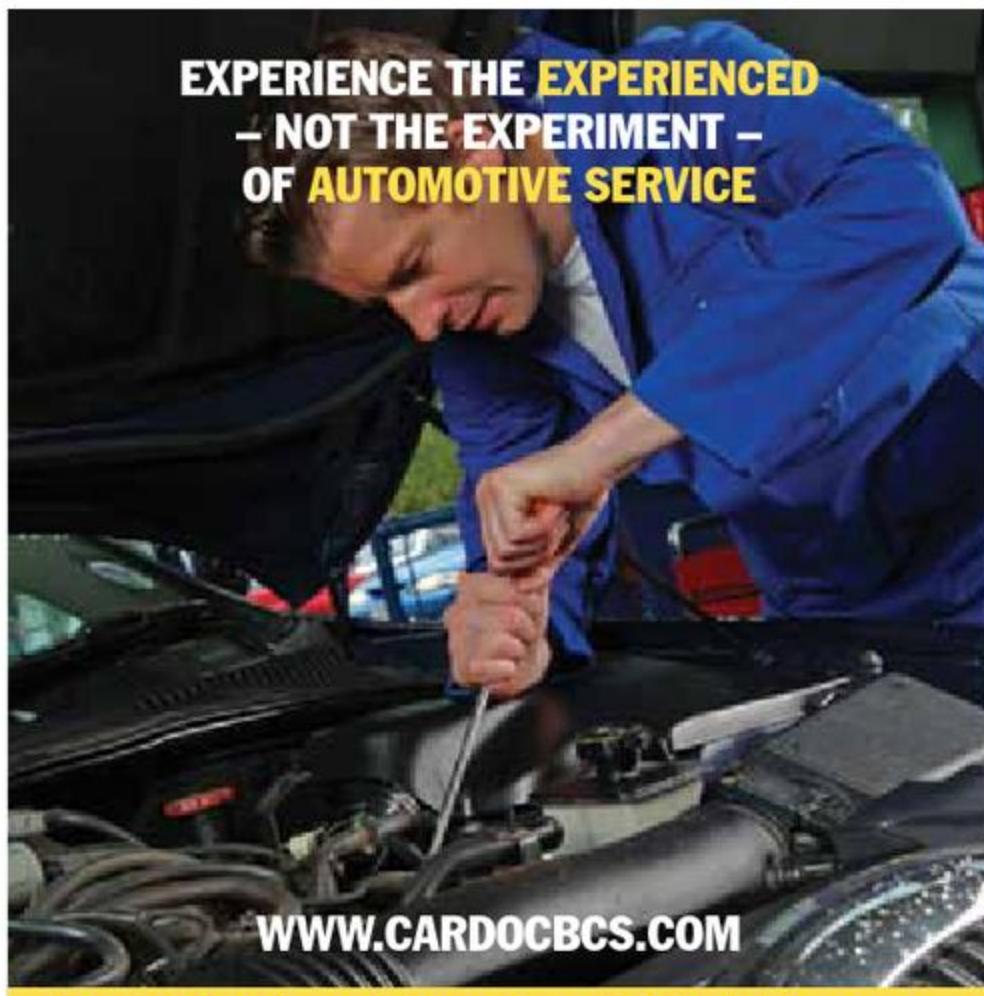


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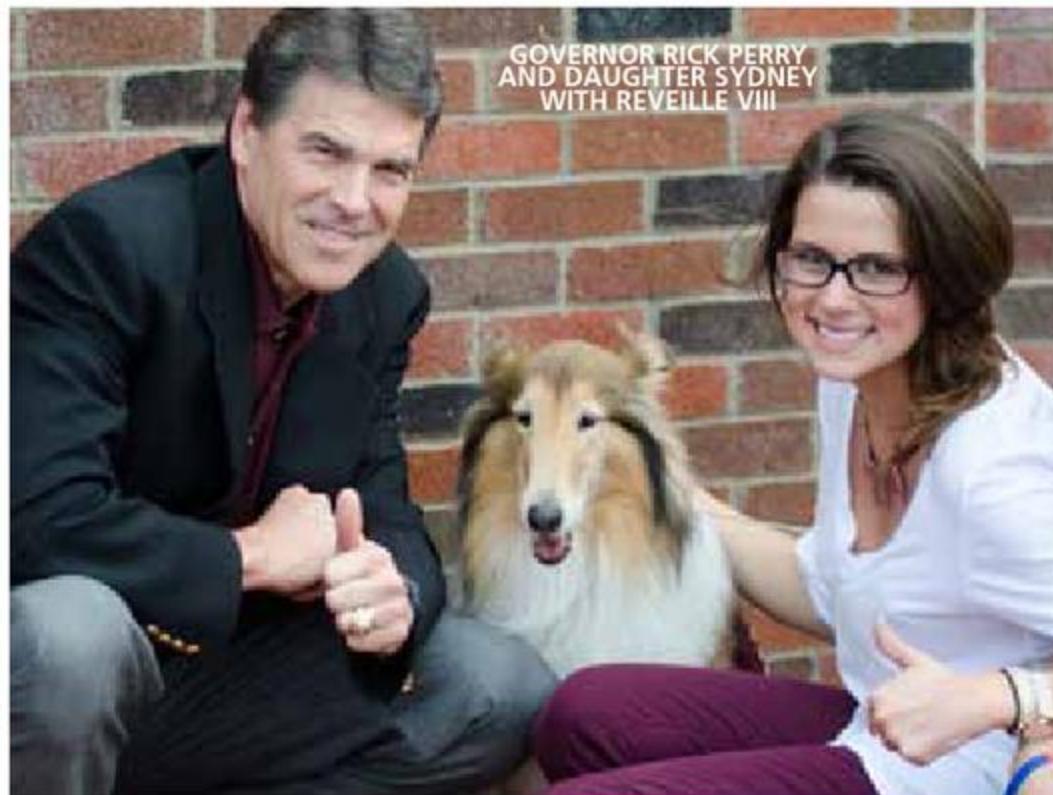
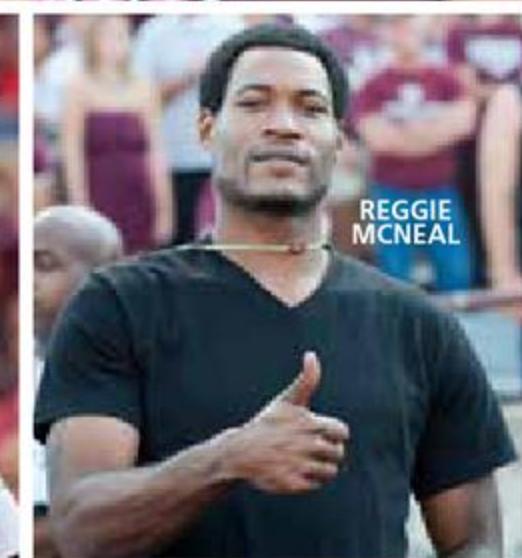
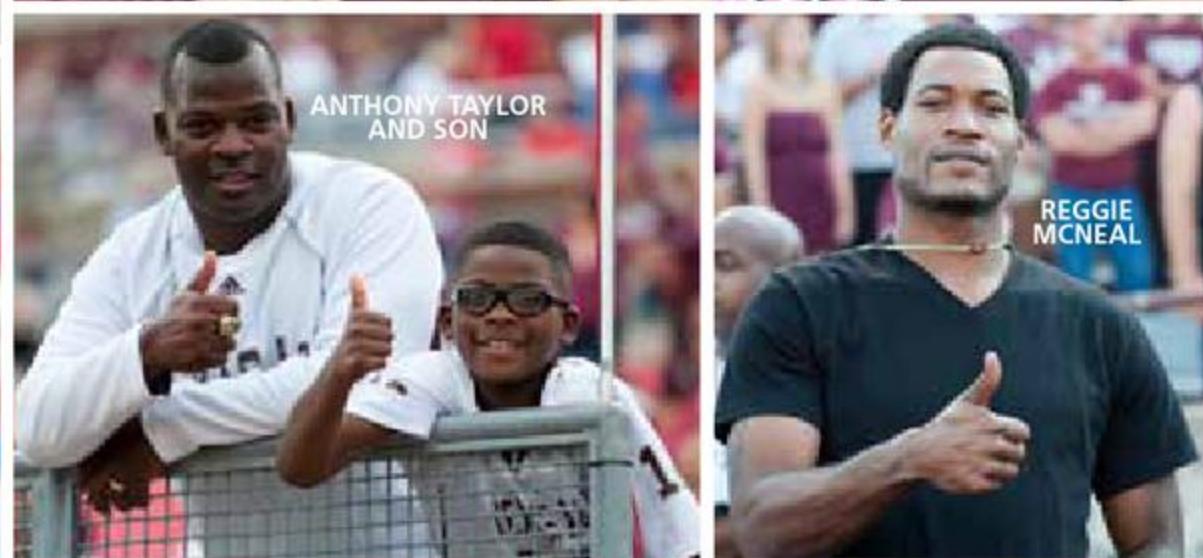
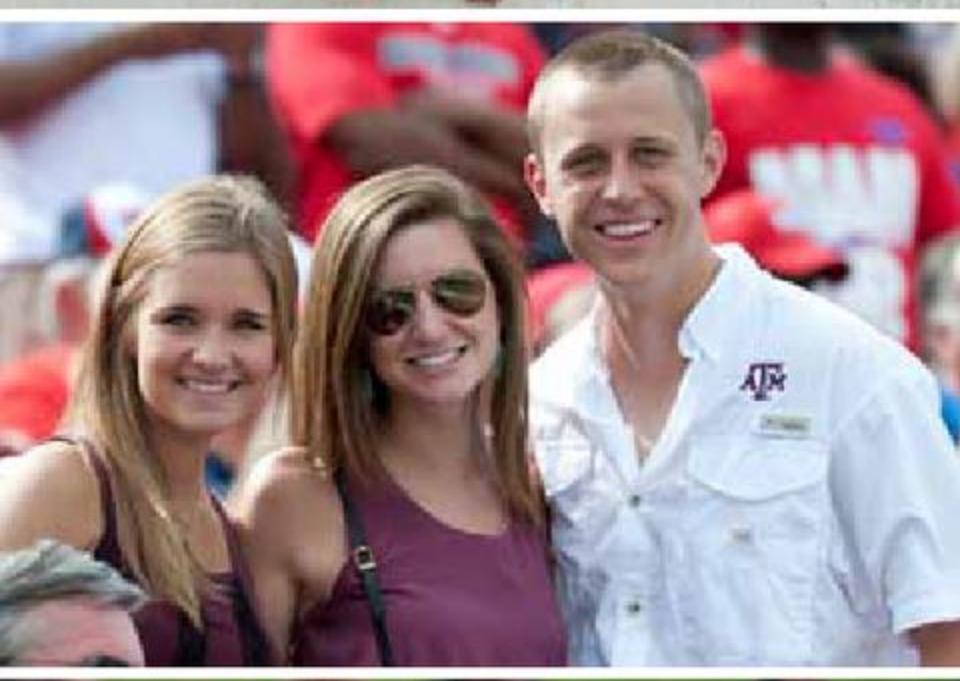
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